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FROM : Greenblum & Bernstein, P.L.C.
DATE : May 25, 2006
SUBJECT : U.S. Patent Application No. 09/986,826; Our Ref: P21688

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Dear Ms. Creasy:

Thank you for taking my telephone call earlier today. With this facsimile, please find signed copies of the Request for Continued Examination (RCE) and Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement, unsigned copies of which were submitted with a Petition to Withdraw by hand-delivery to your Office on May 24, 2006. Please also find copies of the stamped mailroom receipt dated May 24, 2006, evidencing the filing of the Request for Continued Examination, Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement and check for fee filing (as well as a copy of the Petition to Withdraw) at the delivery window of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on May 24, 2006. We are also forwarding a copy of the check evidencing payment of fees for the filing of the Request for Continued Examination.

I trust that these papers will be accepted as a completion of the Petition to Withdraw filed with your Office on May 24, 2006.

Please do not hesitate to contact us at (703) 716-1191 if there should be any questions.

Best regards
Joshua M. Povsner

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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. §132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of a utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995.
See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

Application Number

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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. §1.114 of the above-identified application.

NOTE: 37 C.F.R. §1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000) which established RCE practice.

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. §1.114

a. ☐ Previously submitted

- i. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. §1.116 previously filed on
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered.)
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously Filed on
- iii. ☐ Other:

b. ☒ Enclosed

- i. ☐ Amendment/Reply
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. ☒ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv. ☐ Request for Extension of Time
- v. ☒ Other: copy of Petition to Withdraw Application from Issue Pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.313©(2)

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2. Miscellaneous

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. §1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(i) required)
- b. ☐ Other: _____

3. Fees The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. §1.114 when the RCE is filed.

- a. ☒ Check in the amount of \$790.00 enclosed.
- b. ☒ If payment in the appropriate amount is not enclosed, the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fees required by this paper, including the RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(e), any extension of time fees (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17) necessary to render the RCE timely, and any suspension fee or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 19-0089

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED

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